

March 23, 2022

Dear US EPA Grant Committee,

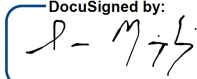
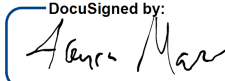
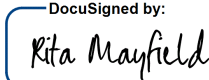
We, the undersigned, support the application of Lake County Environmental Works for funding from US EPA "Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities" RFA#: EPA-OAR-OAQPS-22-01.

We approve of Lake County Environmental Works commitment to address ethylene oxide pollution and environmental justice concerns in Lake County, IL. For the last several years, their members have worked tirelessly to advocate for the reduction of ethylene oxide pollution in the communities of Waukegan and Gurnee, IL, where two facilities known for using and emitting ethylene oxide reside.

Both facilities are in or near environmental justice communities. The last independent round of air testing for our EJ communities was completed in April 2020 and proved inconclusive. There are no plans by the state of Illinois nor Lake County, IL, to conduct further testing. Residents, regardless of race, income, and age, deserve real answers regarding the quality of air to which they are exposed to daily.

We recommend LCEW without reservation and hope they will be one of the recipients. We extend our warmest wishes to all EJ communities who will receive your grant opportunities.

Sincerely,

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